

DAY DREAMS

Oh, sweet are the dreams that Darkness brings,
The fragrant roses that cluster biling.
Into the garden of night!
But sweeter far are the dreams that day
Drops all along life's weary way,
Like dew drops on the buds of May.
To blosom our waking sight.

Oh, beautiful, beautiful dreams, that fall
Like tender moonlight over all
The dreary waters of life!

As if an angel went before
And gilded off the landscape o'er
With the shadow of heaven, where of yore

Was only pain and strife.

Oh, beautiful dreams, that spring like flowers
Out of the seeds of life's dark hours.

Watered with tears of pain!
Flowers that bloom 'mid desert sands,

Too frail to transplant to brighter lands.

Too fair to be gathered by mortal hands.

Too sweet to lose again.

Oh, beautiful, beautiful walking dreams
That flow like forest hidden streams.

By the foot-worn road of day!
Streams that go ringing for love's own sake,

Streams that their sweetest music make

Out of the very stones that break
The smoothness of their way.

Oh, exquisite dreams, that softly show
Through the gray spun veil of earth
by woe!

Like a star in twilight skies,

Too far to make our own, so near

It tempts our grasp, that pure and clear

On night's dark cheek lies like a tear

Wept from an angel's eyes.

Oh, dreams that rest on life of youth.

Like bubbles that rise in the well of truth

From the sombre depth below!
Bubbles that catch each ray of this sun.

And mirror them upward, one by one,
Till all the well, so cold, so dun.

Gleams with a borrowed glow.

Oh, stars that vanish, oh flowers that fade.

Oh, streams that are lost in the wood land shade.

Oh bubbles that break with a kiss;

Oh, dreams that from the buried roots
Of secret sorrow, like green shoots,

Grew toward the light, but bear no fruits.

Are ye less fair than this?

What though ye are but dreams, but dreams.

Oh, brighter our lives e'en for transient gleams

Oh hopes that ne'er may be ours!
They pray for a dreamless sleep if ye will.

For a slumber no visions have power to baffle.

But on, thank God that he gives us still

The dreams of our waking hours.

—*Grace Dealey Litchfield.*

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